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The Two Macks.

and getting me fined \$26, but he must make statements about the matter which quarrel arose. He was very abusive and ject connected with the arts and sciences. offensive, not only to me, but also to another; indeed, he told neutral parties he was coming round to give me some of his mind; he did, and received his just dues, but only with nature's weapons. J. D. McVeigh. Oct. 28, 1891.

Large Batteries and Pans.

MR. EDITOR: An article in Friday's ADVERTISER, Oct. 23d, descriptive of the Ewa Mill, states that it contained "the | monthly lecture. largest hattery, the largest vacuum pan" in the country, etc. I find, in a description of the Spreckelsville Mill, that there are two vacuum pans ten feet diameter, which strike eighteen tons each, and one vacuum pan twelve feet diameter which strikes twenty-five tons of sugar; also, that in a month of twentysix days, 2600 tons of sugar bave been made with ten hours grinding per day. Yours truly,

Molokai Again.

MR. EDITOR: We do not propose to enter into the trouble between Mr. Paebaole and Dr. Mouritz; the doctor can eigner here knows the truth.

Mr. Paehaole is a lawyer, or said to be one; any way, he has been a legislator, and we would respectfully suggest to him that he will confer a boon on this community if he will procure a little less law and a little more sprinkling of justice.

Judge, sheriff, police, assessor of taxes, fence commissioners-all natives, is a too one-sided concern, and we would like a little alteration. A Few HAGLES. Mokuhiki, Molokai, Oct. 21, 1891.

A Protest.

MR. EDITOR: Sir, I with many others protest against the use of the Y. M. C.A. building for a professor of the Seventh assured us that wherever the words "the law" were used in Romans 3d and 4th chapters, they referred to the ten com-

Will the supporters of the Y. M. C. A. uphold such teachings? Honolulu, Oct. 27, 1891.

WILLIAM HAMMOND.

Land Speculators and Homestead Lots.

MR. EDITOR: The Minister of the Interior is advertising lots for sale on Pros- the future good of Hawaii is to be found pect street and Wilder avenue, also only in "more intimate relations with the United States." Is it unreasonable in your reader to waii. In the case of the Hamakua homesteads, one of the conditions of of the plan by which such in your readers to request the reasons for this conclusion of yours, and the details sale is that "no application will be considered from persons who already own land." This is a good regulation, as it shuts out speculators from gobbling up the land. Yet why is not the same condition laid down by the Minister of the Interior in regard to the Honolulu lots? In previous sales of Government lots in Honolulu, a great many of the lots have been bought, not by parties who have a sidered from persons who already own been bought, not by parties who have a bona fide desire to build a home for themselves, but by rich speculators who hold the lots for a rise, and who thereby make the small capitalist pay an extra-vagant price for his homestead lot. I hope the Minister of the Interior, should he desire to see the town built up quickly, will impose a regulation about parties already owning land in regard to the sale of the Honolulu lots, similar to what he has done in the case of the country HOMESTEADER. homesteads.

Knots and Miles.

Mn. EDITOR: I beg the privilege of to your statement as to the length of the "knot." A knot is the length of a sea mile, and a sea mile is, for sailors' convenience, a sixtieth part of a degree, or | for a minute of tatitude, or, what is generally supposed to be the same thing, a the earth these minutes of arc vary from each other. A minute of arc of latitude at the Equator is 6046 feet; at the poles 6108 feet. A minute of longitude arc at the Equator is 6087 feet.

Now add these three together and take

Now add these three together and take feet, and this last figure has been established as the official length of the knot by the British Admiralty and the United States Hydrographic office. The United | that republic. States Coast and Geodetic Survey adopted 6080.27 feet in 1881, as being a minute of are on a sphere whose surface was equal to the surface of the earth; thus practic-

ally giving the same result.

It may be added here that giving the equivalents of ocean speeds in statute miles, as is often done in the newspapers, only creates confusion, and should be avoided. The knot is the correct unit for all marine measurements of distance. C. J. LYONS.

Art and Science Association.

MR. EDITOR-On Monday next Mr.

May I be allowed to say a word concerning the society under whose auspices these lectures are given. The Honolulu exchange for such free access to the Art and Science Association was estab- American markets? If the lines of the lished about six months ago. The object treaty proposed by a majority of the late it has in view is to enable young men, so called Reform Cabinet offer a basis of engaged in business during the day, to pursue their studies in the evening. From the day of its inception, the goods, involving the jeopardy of the

society has met without interruption on the evening of each Monday and Thursday, each session lasting two hours. Instruction has been given in geometrical drawing, arithmetic, algebra and English. In addition to this, a lecture in popular form has been given at every class on various scientific subjects, on MR. EDITOR: Mr. Dan. MacKenzie is the general and specific properties of not satisfied with receiving a thrashing matter, on elementary astronomy, on the theoryof light, on the spectroscope, on force and energy, and the manufacture of high explosives. Moreover, on the first Mondo not accord with the facts. It was day of each month, the society invites about a small matter of politics that the the public to hear a lecture on some sub-

On microbes, on the stars, on self-

culture, on modern ordnance, on the precious metals, with others to follow. As far as I know this is the only opportunity afforded young men in our city for self-improvement in an educational way. It is certainly an effort in the right direction, and it is to be regretted, I think that heretofore the public of Honolulu has not thought it worth while to give the undertaking the encouragement of its attendance at the

Several circumstances have lately combined to thin the numbers of the members. Several beneficiary societies it seems, have drawn a few from their work; evening engagements at the Iron Works prevent others; infirmity of purpose, when the novelty has died away has caused some to decline sustained effort or self-denial long drawn out; and I think, the delirium of the dancing school has drawn one or two from their allegiance. We have still, I suppose, about sixteen on the books, but we have room for ten or twelve more. And it is to be boped that the numbers will be kept up-and an institution having such a praiseworthy object shall not be suffered to lapse for want of a little public well take care of himself. Every for interest. It is proposed shortly to form classes in geometry and book-keeping. Apologizing for usurping so much of your valuable space, I am, sir, yours

very faithfully, F. M. ENGLISH.

Our Relations With the United States.

MR. EDITOR: Sir, In these days of the actual paralysis and prospective ruin of our commercial and industrial conditions, people are straining their eyes to catch every beam of light that will render the prospect less gloomy. It seems to be admitted, both by the Press and Day Adventist creed to occupy and the people of this country, that if absoteach unscriptural doctrines to young lute ruin is to be avoided "something men and women who may chance to must be done"-that's about the subdrop in. Last night this professor stance of current comment. But what is that "something?" What is the remedy for the ills, present and impending? In mandments. I objected, but was told such a time, and for an answer to such a "to keep quiet," or if I did not like it "I question, is it not the right of the people could retire." All must be taught "to look to and depend upon the Press? keep Saturday for the Lord's Day," or And yet which of the local journals has offered a sound and comprehensive suggestion as to our course in seeking such remedy?

In your issue of to-day (Oct. 20), in connection with some comments on the wisdom of making a national display at the Columbian Exhibition of 1893, you intimate, with a vagueness and resource for evasion quite admirable in themselves, that of the plan by which such increased in-timacy is to benefit Hawaii? As one of your readers, permit me to ask how your that Uncle Sam has become altogether too "intimate" in his "relations" with us, when he sweeps away almost our sole advantage under the treaty, while quietly insisting that HIS advantages (of placing his goods upon our markets duty free, and maintaining his rights in Pearl Harbor) shall be continuously enjoyed, just as though nothing had happened Verily, we have not profited by the increased "intimacy" of our "relations" with Uncle Sam of late, and if that intimacy is to be intensified (and presumably in the same direction), what will we have left after the next move on the board? Perhaps we will have the privilege of competing, in America, with making a slight correction and addition | foreign rice, as well as with foreign sugar. Seriously, what have the United States to offer, for our advantage, upon the

fermation of "closer relations?" anyone here insane enough to hope the extension to Hawaii (while she remains, as now, a foreign state), of the prevailing sugar bounties minute of longitude arc at the Equator. as paid to American producers? Such On account of the spheroidal figure of an idea I deem too preposterous for arguthe mean and you have very nearly 6080 abolition, for any cause, of the bounty feet, and this last figure has been estabposition of sugar duties in the United States. Free sugar has come to stay in

I seriously suspect you, Mr. Editor, by the vague and covert phrase of "closer relations," to mean either annexation or free trade. As to the former I prefer to say nothing at present, be-youd the expression of a hope that, if such be your object you will soon find the courage to openly avow it. As to the merits or demerits of such plan I express no opinion. But by free trade, let me ask, have we not much to lose and little to gain? What do we, or can we produce in respectable quantities, not now entitled to free entry into American ports? If you answer, "wool," I grant that its free entry into America would Dan, Logan will deliver an address at largely benefit at least three families of the Y. M. C. A. on the subject of "Jour- foreign extraction resident here, but whom would it benefit outside of those nalism," in which he will explain the families? Not that the benefit should be internal working and the external influ- rejected merely because of its very ence of a great newspaper. I am also limited scope. But treaty revision happy to announce that Mr. J. N. S. should proceed upon national and not upon family lines. The greatest good to Williams has prepared a lecture on the greatest number, you know, and the mere fact that some families in Hato deliver at our next public meeting in | waii (even outside the wool producers) consider the "greatest number" to be

No. 1-does not seriously affect the utility and soundness of the above proposition. What would we be expected to give in

national exchequer to the tune of, say, \$150,000 per year. (This sum is roughly estimated and subject to correction by 'those clever statistical chaps"); second the disability to make any treaties, commercial or otherwise with other foreign powers, except with the "knowledge," (so easily construed into "consent") of Uncle Sam; third, the substantial perpetuity of such condition by the grace of the clause forbidding any change or abrogation of the treaty, except by the mutual consent of the parties to the compact; fourth, the conveyance in practical perpetuity to the United States of the rights in Pearl Harbor which it now holds for the life of the present reciprocity treaty. Is it too much to assert that no self-respecting Hawaiian, whether na-tive, naturalized or domiciled, could or would assent to either the second, third or fourth bases above outlined?

It is puerile to talk of finding a substitute for the menaced sugar industry in toothsome jellies, sweet pickles and mountain hotels. They will not fill the aching void. If present indications are realized, how many sugar plantations will Mr. Thurston have in operation here when he starts for the World's Columbian Exhibition in 1893, with his picture of the Volcano and his glass of guava jelly? How would we be better off with absolute free trade? I submit that phrase as applied to Hawaii is a delusion. The sugar industry is and must remain the sheet anchor of the country's commercial prosperity. The rum of that industry will cause a stagnation too widespread and all-pervading to be calmly contemplated, even by those who, like myseif, believe that the "barons" do not pay their just share of the taxes.

Now, Mr. Editor, what is your proposed remedy for the present and threatened conditions, which you so discreetly if not courageously have thus far concealed under the phrase, so often quoted, of "closer relations with the United States?" Do you advocate fundamental political changes? If so, why not speak your mind and show that at least one journal in Honolulu besides Ka Leo is free from the reproach of cowardice so directly (and, I had almost said justly, but will not) cast upon our island press by the press of America? What is it to be that shall save us from impending ruin? Is it Monarchy, or Republic? Independence, annexation, or vassalage? CLARENCE W. ASHFORD.

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